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1. FOLLOWING DELIVERY OF FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE REPORTED REFTEL EMBASSY AND PAN AM (PA) HAVE HAD CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS WHICH WE BELIEVE NOW MODIFY THE SITUATION.

2. MORNING OF FEB 5 PA REP HAD MEETING WITH CERRAJERIA WHO URGED PA TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS FOR A RESOLUTION OF ITS SCHEDULE PROBLEM WITHOUT REGARD TO THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE FONOFF NOTE RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY JAN 31. CERRAJERIA SAID THAT IN SPITE OF WHAT RINALDINI TOLD EMBASSY THERE WAS STILL GOOD CHANCE FOR RESOLUTION OF PA'S PROBLEM.

3. AT LUNCHEON GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR FOR FONOFF OFFICIALS FEB 5, UNDERSECRETARY BECKMANN AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOLINA SALAS SAID IN EFFECT MUCH THE SAME THING AS CERRAJERIA. BECKMANN SAID THE EMBASSY SHOULD NOT TAKE TOO SERIOUSLY RINALDINI'S STATEMENT ABOUT PA SINCE HE AND MOLINA SALAS, ESPECIALLY THE LATTER, WERE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN FINDING A SOLUTION TO US/ARGENTINE PROBLEM AND PREPARED TO ASSIST WITH ANY USEFUL PLAN. THEY HAD BEEN

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IN TOUCH WITH CERRAJERIA AND SAID EMBASSY COULD RELY ON HIM

TO FIND A WAY TO RESOLVE THE PA PROBLEM AS WELL AS TO INSURE THAT
RESUMED BILATERAL TALKS WOULD NOT BREAK DOWN ON DNTAC INTRANSIGENCE
AS THEY HAD IN PAST.

4. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS, BRIG NEME RESIGNED AS
DNTAC DIRECTOR EFFECTIVE FEB 3 OR 4 AS RESULT OF CONTINUED
PRESSURE FROM CERRAJERIA AND OTHER TOP TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY
OFFICIALS. IN VIEW OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT
WE HOLD OFF ON HARD LINE TACTICS SUGGESTED REFTEL, AT LEAST UNTIL
AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH TRANSPORT SECRETARY NOVARO. A FURTHER
SIGNIFICANT REASON FOR HOLDING OFF A FEW DAYS (AT LEAST THROUGH LONG
CARNIVAL WEEK END JAN 10-11) IS THAT REPLACEMENT OF NEME WILL BE
GOOD INDICATION AS TO FURTHER DNTAC POLICIES. PA REP HERE
CONCURS THAT DELAY WOULD BE IN CARRIER'S BEST INTERESTS ALSO.
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